

DRAFT
Hamilton County General Health District
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF HEALTH
July 8, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.
Minutes

1. Call to Order

At 6:30 p.m., James Brett, President, called to order the regular session of the Board of Health of Hamilton County General Health District, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present: James Brett, President
Mark A. Rippe, Vice President
Kenneth G. Amend, M.D.
Elizabeth A. Kelly, M.D.
Tracey A. Puthoff, Esq.

District Staff Present: Tim Ingram, Health Commissioner
Dr. Jennifer Mooney, Assistant Health Commissioner
Greg Kesterman, Assistant Health Commissioner
Dr. Steve Feagins, Medical Director
Greg Varner, Finance Officer

Guests: Anthony Unkrich

3. Clean Kitchen Awards

Greg Kesterman read the list of four Clean Kitchen Award recipients and congratulated them for their efforts to maintain a high level of sanitation and staff education. Anthony Unkrich was present to receive the award on behalf of Lake Isabella Boathouse.

4. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Amend moved to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2019 Board of Health meeting.

Ms. Puthoff seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

5. Health Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Ingram introduced the new Assistant Health Commissioner, Dr. Jennifer Mooney and thanked her for joining HCPH.

Commissioner Ingram provided HB 210 testimony (a copy is in the Board packet) to the Health House Committee at the Statehouse on June 18. The presentation on screening of child care and preschool employees for tuberculosis and the disclosure of information about public assistance recipients to public health authorities went very well. Commissioner Ingram expects there will be no opposition to HB 210 passing.

On June 25, Commissioner Ingram and Dr. Feagins gave a HCPH presentation to the Cincinnati Health Department at the request of Melba Moore, the Cincinnati Health Commissioner. The presentation went very well (copies of slides are in the Board packet) and they were well received.

The 100th Anniversary event planning is going well. Senator Rob Portman sent a congratulatory video message that can be used at the event as he is unable to attend the event on August 1. Board Members are invited to bring a guest on August 1. The Board is also invited to attend all the community events and the staff celebration event on September 26. Commissioner Ingram stated we have over 220 registrations for August 1 and reviewed the list. HCPH will have good representation from the health care sector, public officials, community partners and staff. The event is expected to come in under budget and Commissioner Ingram thanked the Board Members for supporting this initiative.

Commissioner Ingram reviewed the Second Quarter Program Implementation Plan results Administration section. HCPH expects to receive the large Drug Overdose Data to Action Grant. Additional funds are anticipated from the local, city, and county litigation against the opioid manufacturers. Litigation is pending, but we expect to see additional funding.

Dr. Jennifer Mooney and Greg Kesterman reviewed their department's Second Quarter Program Implementation Plan results. Mark Rippe inquired about the Fentanyl strips. Dr. Mooney explained this is a new initiative that allows people to self-test material to detect if Fentanyl is present. The strips are offered with harm reduction educational materials. Dr. Feagins reported 40 strips were recently distributed. Commissioner Ingram reported the strips cost approximately \$1 each and were paid for by a grant from Interact for Health.

Mark Rippe inquired about the unauthorized dumping discussed in the program implementation plan and Mr. Kesterman explained the camera system and how images are captured and used. Two citations have been issued thus far and staff anticipate catching future violators of open dumping

All 140 performance metrics are on track or exceeding expectations. Mr. Varner will provide second quarter financial results later tonight.

Staff Reports

(a) Medical Director's Report

Dr. Steve Feagins Medical Director explained the Hamilton County Tuberculosis Program, active cases, treatments, and statistics. Full details are in the Board packet. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention expects a nationwide shortage of tuberculin skin tests. HCPH should have enough doses and shouldn't be impacted by the shortage.

The mosquito population may increase due to higher than normal rainfall, so prevention education is needed. The Ohio Department of Health recommends emptying standing water from pots, lids and other items outside of homes where water can accumulate. Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, and frequently change the water in pet dishes and birdbaths to prevent mosquitoes. Mosquito season continues until the first hard frost.

Dr. Feagins reported the UC Stroke Team is nationally renowned for their research and they are doing phenomenal work. Additional stroke care testing is being done at a national level and it is all based here in Hamilton County.

Mark Rippe inquired about a measles breakout. Dr. Feagins reported we do not have a local issue. The vaccine is very effective. Mark Rippe commented on the increased Syphilis numbers. Dr. Feagins explained that the reporting is better now and that there are more screenings. Also, we are seeing re-infections. There is no funding for curing Syphilis and Gonorrhea, and they are multi-drug resistant.

The monthly Communicable Diseases Epi report was provided in the Board packets.

(b) Department of Community Health Services

Assistant Health Commissioner Dr. Jennifer Mooney reported the Cincinnati Pride event was very successful and people were happy to see the health department there. Narcan was distributed to over two hundred attendees. A health advisory was issued on June 22 due to increased overdose activity. Dr. Mooney is getting to know staff and her new role.

Mark Rippe commented on Newtown Chief of Police, Tom Synan, and his good work in the Opioid area.

(c) Department of Environmental Health Services

Assistant Health Commissioner Greg Kesterman explained the Winton Woods sewage spill and showed aerial photos. The sewage break has been now repaired and we are monitoring water quality both in the main lake and the adjacent pond. Cleanup in the pond will continue until the area is completely remediated. HCPH used this opportunity to educate the community on the importance of reporting issues around their community. We rely on the community to help report issues and inspect each complaint received.

Mr. Kesterman thanked Ms. Chin for her intervention with Carrousel Inn. The hotel voluntarily closed for a minimum of ten days for repairs and cleaning.

6. Unfinished Business: None.

7. Finances

Finance Officer Greg Varner reviewed the Second Quarter Financial Results, updated status of revenue, expenses, grants, staffing, and fund balances. Mr. Varner presented the new Risks and Opportunities quarterly report that Mr. Rippe requested. Dr. Elizabeth Kelly asked if programs that lose money are cancelled. Commissioner Ingram explained that restricted and grant funds are used as much as possible to preserve the General Fund.

The June 2019 Disbursement Reports are included in the Board packet.

Mr. Rippe moved to approve the monthly disbursements.

Dr. Kelly seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye; - Mr. Brett abstained on White Water expenditures.

8. **New Business:** None.

9. **Adjournment**

Mr. Rippe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM

Ms. Puthoff seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

Next Board of Health meeting: August 12, 2019.



James Brett, President



Tim Ingram, Secretary
Health Commissioner